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Security Council

10 a.m.	5974th meeting	Security Council Chamber
	1. Adoption of the agenda	
	2. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question	
Morning[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
	The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question	
	Other matters	

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 5974th meeting.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

3 p.m.	207th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 6

Special Ceremony

Today, 18 September 2008, at 9.45 a.m., there will be a wreath-laying ceremony commemorating the forty-seventh anniversary of the death of Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary General of the United Nations from 1953 to 1961, and of those who accompanied him on his last mission of peace. The wreath will be laid by the Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, in the Visitors' Lobby outside the Meditation Room.

All members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend the ceremony and are expected to gather at the site fifteen minutes prior to the event.

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General Assembly
Sixty-third session

The 2nd plenary meeting of the General Assembly will be held on Friday, 19 September 2008 at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall, to consider the first report of the General Committee (A/63/250)[1] (see p. 6)

[1]To be issued.

General Assembly
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Informal consultations on the provisional agenda item 73 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

[*Note*: An information session for new delegates, organized by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), will be held *today*, 18 September 2008, from 2 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Information will be provided on the outcome of the seventh round of the Informal Consultations of the States Parties to United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement (UNFSA) in 2008 and preparatory work for the anticipated eighth round in 2009, as well as on recent developments at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Board of Auditors
2. Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS)

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Second regular session

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Informal consultations . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Draft decisions

4–6 p.m. . . . . 7th meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Recent meetings of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Programme Coordinating Board: recommendations and decisions of relevance to UNICEF (E/ICEF/2008/24) . . . . . [8]
2. Programme of work (E/ICEF/2008/17) . . . . . [3]
3. Other matters . . . . . [15]
4. Adoption of draft decisions . . . . . [16]
5. Closing statements by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board [17]

[*Note*: During the session, members of the Group of Western European and Other States, will meet daily from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.]

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Third Committee
Informal briefing

Pursuant to paragraph 3 (h) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Chairman of the Third Committee for the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Frank Majoor (Netherlands), will hold an informal briefing on the organization of work of the Committee (A/C.3/63/L.1) *today,* 18 September 2008, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

General Assembly
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Preparations for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Informal consultations on the draft outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held on Friday, 19 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The consultations will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway).

The draft outcome document (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) can be accessed at the following links:
<www.un.org/depts/DGACM/docs/CRP/ACONF212CRP1/arabic.pdf>
<www.un.org/depts/DGACM/docs/CRP/ACONF212CRP1/chinese.pdf>
<www.un.org/depts/DGACM/docs/CRP/ACONF212CRP1/english.pdf>
<www.un.org/depts/DGACM/docs/CRP/ACONF212CRP1/french.pdf>
<www.un.org/depts/DGACM/docs/CRP/ACONF212CRP1/russian.pdf>
<www.un.org/depts/DGACM/docs/CRP/ACONF212CRP1/spanish.pdf>

For further information, including background materials, please consult the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

Other meetings

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UNITAR briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly: General briefing on the work of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Group of 77 (on the organization of work of the Second Committee)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Group of 77 (on the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund)

11.30–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Group of 77 (on Third Committee matters)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Asian Group (monthly meeting)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Ministerial meeting on interfaith dialogue and cooperation for peace (at the ambassadorial level) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

3.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Other activities

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Panel discussion on "Green Business is Good Business" (organized by the United States Mission)

From 1 to 2.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Millie Meyers, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4085; e-mail meyersm@state.gov).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

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Room S-226

10.15 a.m. . . . . Ms. Inés Alberdi, Executive Director of UNIFEM; Ms. Anne-Marie Goetz, UNIFEM; Ms. Christiana Thorpe, Electoral Commissioner (Sierra Leone); and Mr. Shankar Singh, activist, India's Right to Information Movement (to launch UNIFEM's *Progress of the World's Women 2008/2009*)

11 a.m. . . . . Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, Under-Secretary-General and United Nations Special Adviser on Africa (on the key development issues facing Africa and its international partners, as well as, to preview the goals of the General Assembly high-level plenary meeting on the theme "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward" (22 September 2008))

12.30 p.m. . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

3.30 p.m. . . . . Ms. Patricia O'Brien, United Nations Legal Counsel; Mr. Ngonlardje Mbaidjol, Director of the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; and Ms. Clarissa Brocklehurst, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) (on the upcoming 2008 Treaty Event)

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 19 September 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 2nd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/63/250)[1]

[1] To be issued

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (see document A/62/399*).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 6, to Tuesday, 14 October 2008. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Ms. Giulia Marrone (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-9328; e-mail marrone@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Secretary of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

A technical briefing by the Secretariat for delegates of the First Committee will be held on Wednesday, 1 October 2008, at a time and venue to be announced.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows: Allocation of agenda items

(A/C.4/63/1)[1]; organization of work (A/C.4/63/L.1)[1]; list of documents of the Committee (A/C.4/63/INF/1)[1]; and aide-mémoire on requests for hearing (1/08)[2].

The Committee will begin its consideration of the cluster of items on decolonization on Monday, 6 October, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to all decolonization items are kindly requested to notify Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

[1]To be issued.
[2]To be distributed at the meeting.

Second Committee

Organizational meeting

The Second Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, 29 September 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its proposed organization of work, which will be issued as document A/C.2/63/L.1.

General debate

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee will open on Wednesday, 24 September 2008. The Committee will begin its work on Monday, 6 October, at 10 a.m.

Participants

Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Friday, 3 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its proposed programme of work. The status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly will be issued as document A/C.5/63/L.1.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Movses Abelian (room S-2633A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly is available at <www.un.org/ga/fifth>.

Informal briefings

Informal briefings (closed) will be held as follows:

Friday, 3 October 2008, immediately following the organizational meeting of the Fifth Committee, in Conference Room 3:

Reform and management of the United Nations (by Ms. Angela Kane, Under-Secretary-General for Management)

Monday, 6 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Human Resources Management (by Ms. Catherine Pollard, Assistant Secretary-General, Human Resources Management); and

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Enterprise resource planning (ERP)/Information and communication technology (ICT) (by Mr. Choi Soon-hong, Chief Information Technology Officer, Assistant Secretary-General); and

Capital master plan (by Mr. Michael Adlerstein, Executive Director, Assistant Secretary-General, CMP).

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Informal consultations on the provisional agenda item 73 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 73 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) of the provisional

agenda of the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly will continue until Friday, 19 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on the provisional agenda item 73 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 73 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) of the provisional agenda of the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly will be held on Monday, 29 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 3 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Resumed second regular session 2008

The 37th meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held on Friday, 19 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

General debate
(23 September–1 October 2008)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) for the general debate of the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the Permanent Missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

Delegations are invited to send by e-mail an electronic copy of their statement(s), in one or more of the United Nations official languages, to ensure timely posting of the text on the United Nations Web site and as a step to reducing paper usage. Statements should be sent to: webcast@un.org and to newscentre@un.org.

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High-level plenary meeting on the theme "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward" (22 September 2008)

A high-level plenary meeting on the theme "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward" will be held on Monday, 22 September 2008.

It will comprise an opening plenary meeting, followed by two high-level round tables in the morning and two high-level round tables in the afternoon, and a closing plenary meeting. The four round tables will address the same overall theme of the plenary meeting.

The maximum number of participants from each regional group shall be distributed as follows:

African States (14 Member States)

Asian States (14 Member States)

Eastern European States (6 Member States)

Latin American and Caribbean States (9 Member States)

Western European and other States (7 Member States)

The Holy See, in its capacity as Observer State, and Palestine, in its capacity as observer, may participate in any one of the round tables.

The inscriptions in the round tables are on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940B; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail heddachem@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that participation at the high-level plenary meeting is expected at the highest possible political level.

All information on the High-level plenary meeting can be accessed at the following Web site <www.un.org/ga/president/62/>. Information on the side events which will take place on the same day can be accessed at the following Web site <www.un.org/ga/president/62/ThematicDebates/adn/events.shtml>.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 5 September 2008, and an information note on the high-level plenary meeting have been sent to all Members States by facsimile and can be accessed at the following Web site <www.un.org/ga/president/62/letters/The2ndINote50908.pdf>.

For further information, please contact the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) for: plenary meetings (Ms. Cheryl Larsen, tel. 1 (212) 963-8401, larsenc@un.org); round tables (Mr. Mehdi Hamam, tel. 1 (212) 963-2645, hamamm@un.org); and side events (Ms. Mieko Ikegame, tel. 1 (212) 963-1937; ikegame@un.org).

High-level event on the Millennium Development Goals convened by the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly (25 September 2008)

A high-level event on the Millennium Development Goals will be held on Thursday, 25 September 2008, with an opening segment starting at 8.45 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Immediately thereafter, three parallel round tables will be held in the morning and continue in the afternoon. The venues will be announced at a later date. The closing segment will be held at 5.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The three round tables will address the following themes and two cross-cutting issues, (a) Gender equality and (b) Global partnership for development:

Round table I: Poverty and hunger (Conference Room 4)

Round table II: Education and health (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

Round table III: Environmental sustainability (Economic and Social Council Chamber)

The maximum number of participants from each regional group for each round table shall be distributed as follows:

African States (18 Member States)

Asian States (18 Member States)

Eastern European States (8 Member States)

Latin American and Caribbean States (11 Member States)

Western European and other States (9 Member States)

Kiribati, the Holy See in its capacity as Observer State, and Palestine in its capacity as observer, may participate in any one of the round tables.

Delegations are reminded that participation at the meeting is expected at the highest possible political level.

In order to accommodate all the participants, interventions should not exceed *three minutes*, with the understanding, that the full text can be distributed in the conference room.

The inscriptions in the round tables are on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2994B; tel. 1 (212) 963-2333; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail dizon@un.org).

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High-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (2 and 3 October 2008)

A high-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action will be held on 2 and 3 October 2008. It will comprise an opening plenary meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008 (morning), in the General Assembly Hall, followed immediately by a high-level panel on the theme "*Role of International Support in establishing efficient transit transport systems to expand trade opportunities for landlocked developing countries*", to be held in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The high-level plenary meeting will continue the same day from 3 to 6 p.m.; and the following day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

The outcome document of the high-level midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action will be adopted at the closing plenary meeting to be held on Friday, 3 October 2008, from 5.30 to 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940B; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail heddachem@un.org). Participation at the meeting is expected at the ministerial or highest possible level. Delegations are encouraged to limit their interventions during the plenary meetings to no more than seven minutes.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 25 July 2008, as well as an information note on the high-level plenary meeting and its tentative programme have been sent to all Member States by facsimile and can be accessed at the following Web site <www.un.org/ga/president/62/letters/almaty250708.pdf>.

Other forthcoming meetings

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UNITAR briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly

Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee

Friday, 19 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3;

Special briefing on the work of the Third Committee

Friday, 19 September 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3; and

Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee

Friday, 19 September 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail falls@un.org).]

New York Working Group – informal consultations on geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of Staff of the International Criminal Court (ICC) (convened by the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago)

Friday, 19 September 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

Friday, 19 September 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Group of 77 (Twentieth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Group of 77 (Thirty-second Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

Friday, 26 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

Monday, 29 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Forthcoming other activities

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Ministerial Meeting in Support of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia, Austria, Canada, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan and the Netherlands)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 9.30 to 10.40 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Elke Merks, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (tel. 1 (212) 519-9553 or 1 (212) 519-9744; e-mail elke.merks@minbuza.nl).]

Briefing for parliamentarians attending the general debate of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly on cooperation between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) (sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Italy in cooperation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union)

Friday, 26 September 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[Permanent Representatives and Observers are invited to attend. For more information contact the IPU Office (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org).]

High-Level Investment Forum "Investing in landlocked developing countries: trends, experiences and the way forward" (jointly organized by the UN-OHRLLS, UNCTAD and the World Bank)

Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

Round table on "Regional dimension for transit transport cooperation", as part of the High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (organized by the UN-OHRLLS)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

Announcements

East Foyer and West Foyer (Indonesian Lounge)

During the high-level plenary meeting on the theme "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward" (22 September 2008), the high-level event on the Millennium Development Goals (25 September) and the duration of the general debate (23 September–3 October), the West Foyer (Indonesian Lounge) will be reserved for the exclusive use of Heads of State/Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes/Princesses.

Kindly note that the West Foyer (Indonesian Lounge) will be in use for a Troika Heads of State meeting on Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.

The East Foyer (directly across from the entrance to the General Assembly Hall) will be made available for the exclusive use of the First Spouses.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October, according to the following schedule:

Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *Arabic*
Thursday, 2 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *Chinese*
Friday, 3 October, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *English*
Friday, 3 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *French*
Monday, 6 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Russian*
Tuesday, 7 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Spanish.*

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Proposed dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee

The dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (Administration of justice at the United Nations; Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission; and Measures to eliminate international terrorism), as proposed by the incoming Bureau, are now available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee <www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In

accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/index.htm>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.html>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 17 September 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

General Committee

1st and 2nd meetings — The summary of the 1st and 2nd meetings of the General Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/183).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Ratification: Greece (17 September 2008)[1]

Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 20 November 1989

Withdrawal of reservation made upon succession: Bosnia and Herzegovina (16 September 2008)[1]

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Declaration under article 77: Mexico (15 September 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to universal participation

2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us

United Nations Headquarters (23-25 and 29 September-1 October 2008)

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events has been held annually at the United Nations Headquarters commencing with the Millennium Summit in September 2000. This year, the annual treaty event will be held from 23 to 25 and on 29 September and 1 October 2008, to coincide with the general debate of the sixty-third General Assembly.

The event, entitled "2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us", provides a distinct opportunity for States to demonstrate their continuing commitment to the central role of the rule of law in international relations. This year's event will highlight treaties associated with the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Year of Planet Earth, the International Year of Sanitation and the International Polar Year, as well as transit and transport treaties of concern to landlocked and transit developing countries.

The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.158.2008 of 7 March 2008. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties, on behalf of States without having to produce to full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

Further information concerning the 2008 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <treaties.un.org> and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact: Ms. Sherry Holbrook (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047)). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the *Treaty Handbook*, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Guinea
H.E. Mr. Alpha Ibrahim Sow

Asian States:
India
H.E. Mr. Nirupam Sen

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Miloš Prica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Bolivia
H.E. Mr. Hugo Siles Alvarado

Western European and other States:
Greece
H.E. Mr. John Mourikis

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 17 September 2008.

Symbol	*Main title*
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	Sixty-second session
	Sixth Committee
A/C.6/62/2/Add.1	Membership of the Sixth Committee [E (only)]
	Sixty-third session
A/63/231	Request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the sixty-third session — Observer status for the University for Peace in the General Assembly — Letter dated 11 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/271	Item 67 (b) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Independence of judges and lawyers — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/274	Item 67 (b) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Report of the independent expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/297	Item 52 (b) of the provisional agenda — Sustainable development: follow-up and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States — Towards the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/63/301	Item 126 of the provisional agenda — Human resources management — Activities of the Ethics Office — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/336	Item 48 of the provisional agenda — Culture of peace — Letter dated 2 May 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/63/343	Item 117 (f) of the provisional agenda — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries — Letter dated 20 August 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/63/352/Add.1	Items 7 and 124 of the provisional agenda — Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee — Pattern of conferences — Letter dated 15 September 2008 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
	General Committee
A/BUR/63/1	Organization of the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items — Memorandum by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2008/597	Letter dated 9 September 2008 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/601	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad [A C E F R S]
S/2008/602	Letter dated 11 September 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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Peacebuilding Commission

Organizational Committee
Second session

PBC/2/OC/SR.7/Add.1	Meeting held on 23 June 2008, 3 p.m. [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

Official Records

Substantive session of 2008
High-level segment

E/2008/SR.17	Meeting held on 2 July 2008, 9.30 a.m. [E F S]

Economic and Social Council

Documents

Substantive session of 2008

E/2008/32 (Part I) Item 12 — Non-governmental organizations — Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2008 regular session — (New York, 21-30 January 2008) [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

ST/IC/2008/49 Information circular — Threshold percentage for the purpose of calculating rental subsidies [E F (only)]

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